

## House Republican Press Release

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### **\$75,000 Grant to Fairfield Historical Society Receives OK**



The State Bond Commission meeting in Hartford August 18 has given final approval to a \$75,000 state grant for the Fairfield Historical Society toward the new Fairfield Museum and History Center to be built on the Town Green in Fairfield.

State Rep. Cathy Tymniak said, "It is a pleasure to report that the grant has received the final okay. This is terrific news for Fairfield. Thanks to the governor and her administration for this support of our town."

The Town Green includes the Old Burying Ground and town-owned buildings which are among Fairfield's most historical and architecturally significant structures. A 23-acre tract which was part of the original lots laid out at the founding of Fairfield in 1639.

The museum collection contains approximately 15,000 objects, and includes significant collections of clothing and textiles; fine arts; recreational items; archaeological artifacts; shipbuilding, woodworking and agricultural implements; and nautical instruments used by local seamen.

The mission of the Fairfield Historical Society is to collect, preserve, and interpret the history and heritage of the town for present and future generations. Historical Society volunteers assist with exhibition development, collections management, educational programs, genealogical research, membership development, special events and fundraising activities.

The Bond Commission headed by Gov. M. Jodi Rell approved the grant to be made through the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism. Rep. Tymniak serves the 133<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District of Fairfield and Westport in the state House of Representatives.